

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-37 (Canceled).

Claim 38 (Currently Amended): A method for designing an architecture and specifications ~~a specification~~ of a hardware and software system implemented by an electrical architecture designing device, the method comprising:

defining services, which are functions that can be performed, and ~~[[,]]~~ for each service, at least one use case which is a context or situation that the system is in ~~eases;~~

associating, in the electrical architecture designing device, each use case with ~~at least one departure state of the system,~~ a user request, and, ~~for each departure state, an arrival~~ an initial state and a final state of the system;

defining operations, in the course of which, for each state, a set of elementary operations are defined which correspond ~~corresponding to a response for the system response~~ when said system is in said each state ~~during arrival in the state is defined;~~

specifying the system architecture by defining characteristics of electronic control units and networks;

mapping the elementary operations onto ~~calculators~~ calculating units;

and executing at least one of:

identifying the flow of data ~~flows circulating~~ on the networks as a function of the mapping; and

identifying specifications associated with ~~a specification of the calculator~~ interfaces of the calculating units as a function of the mapping.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 38, wherein the mapping comprises, for each service, a choice among a plurality of mapping modes comprising:

mapping the service onto a single ~~ealeulator~~ calculating unit of the calculating units,
master-slave mapping, in which a supplementary elementary operation of control of the single service activates, depending on a current state of the service in ~~which~~ the system ~~finds itself~~, elementary operations of the service, the supplementary elementary operation being mapped onto one of the ~~ealeulators~~ calculating units,

distributed mapping, in which the elementary operations are distributed over at least two ~~ealeulators~~ calculating units of the calculating units and, onto each of the ~~ealeulators~~ calculating units, a supplementary elementary operation ~~of control of that controls~~ the service is mapped and activates, depending on ~~[[the]]~~ a current state of the service in ~~which~~ the system ~~finds itself~~, mapping of the elementary operations of the service ~~mapped~~ onto the ~~ealeulators~~ calculating units.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 39, wherein the supplementary elementary operations are generated automatically with:

as inputs, all data necessary for calculation of transitions of a control automaton of the service ~~whose states are the states of the service~~ and the transitions are transformations, via an elementary operation, of the user's requests, and

as an output, a datum representing the state in which the service finds itself.

Claim 41 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 38, wherein, in the identifying data flows, a state of each data flow is determined relative to a given electronic messaging system:

~~free data, to be mapped into frames,~~
~~data already mapped into frames and circulating on the network, and such that the~~
~~data are produced in the calculators in which the frame is produced and consumed in the~~
~~calculators in which the frame is consumed, and~~
~~unused frame sites.~~

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 38, wherein, given a use case,

a performance constraint is imposed on the use case and on certain of the elementary operations executed in the ~~arrival~~ initial state of the use case,

a list of those executions of elementary operations, executions of software and hardware drivers, writes and reads in data [[the]] frames, taking into account of information by sensors and actuators, and data frame transfer to a network that are implemented following mapping of the elementary operations is then automatically synthesized,

requirements of delay of execution and/or of response time of transmission, the reading and writing of the data frames, and execution of the drivers and of the elementary operations are then specified,

response times of the sensors and the actuators are indicated,

a fact that a performance constraint is satisfied for a mapping of the elementary operations is validated or requirements of delay of execution and/or of response time to satisfy the performance constraint are specified.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 38, wherein if, [[for]] a service ~~having~~ that has at least two variants, and the at least two variants have shared elementary operations, then the elementary operations are automatically mapped onto the

same ~~calculators or calculator variants~~ calculating units during mapping of one of the variants.

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): A device for design of a specification of a hardware and software system, comprising:

means for defining services which are functions that can be performed, and[[,]] for each service, at least one use cases case which is a context or situation that the system is in;

means for associating each use case with ~~at least one departure state of the system~~, a user request, and, ~~for each departure state, an arrival~~ an initial state and a final state of the system;

means for defining operations, in the course of which, for each state, a set of elementary operations are defined which correspond ~~corresponding to a response for the~~ system ~~response during arrival in the state is defined~~ when said system is in said each state;

means for specifying the system architecture by defining characteristics of electronic control units and networks;

means for mapping the elementary operations onto ~~calculators~~ calculating units;

and at least one of:

means for identifying the flow of data ~~flows circulating~~ on the networks as a function of the mapping; and

means for identifying ~~a specification of the calculator~~ specifications associated with interfaces of the calculating units as a function of the mapping.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 44, further comprising means for selecting a hierarchical description, selection of each selection means causing a different screen of the device to appear.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 45, wherein, for at least one screen, the hierarchical description represents, at a first level of hierarchy, a plurality of services and, at a second level of hierarchy, a plurality of use cases for each service.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 46, wherein, for at least one screen, each use case comprises an initial context or situation of the system, a user's request to the system, and a response of the system corresponding to a change of its state.

Claim 48 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 46, wherein, in at least one screen, states and associated state transitions are defined for each use case of a service.

Claim 49 (Canceled).

Claim 50 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim ~~[[49]]~~ 44, wherein each phase is composed of a set of combinations of modes of operation of ~~[[the]]~~ a vehicle, the modes being ~~transverse to the services and~~ outside the direct control of the services.

Claim 51 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 45, wherein, for at least one screen, the hierarchical description represents a plurality of services at a first level of hierarchy and ~~[[of]]~~ represents phases of the service at a second level of hierarchy.

Claim 52 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 47, wherein, for at least one screen, the hierarchical description represents a plurality of services at a first level of hierarchy and of states of the service at a second level of hierarchy.

Claim 53 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 51, wherein, within the hierarchical description, a hierarchical level in a given state describes the elementary operations.

Claim 54 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 45, wherein, for at least one screen, mapping of elementary operations onto components represented in ~~a synthetic~~ an representational view is effected.

Claim 55 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 54, containing, for at least one screen, ~~a synthetic~~ a representational view representing an envelope of a component and each elementary operation that the component controls or instructs.

Claim 56 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 45, containing, for at least one screen, a ~~synthetic~~ representational view representing an envelope of a service and each elementary operation that the service comprises.

Claim 57 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 45, wherein, for at least one screen, at a first level of hierarchy, the hierarchical description represents the ~~calculators~~ calculating units of the system and, at a second level of hierarchy, elementary operations electronically monitored or controlled by each calculating unit ~~calculator~~.

Claim 58 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 57, wherein, for each screen, a hierarchical level represents, for each ~~ealeulators~~ calculating unit, the services that are mapped at least partly onto the ~~ealeulators~~ calculating units.

Claim 59 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 57, wherein, for each screen, ~~a-synthetic~~ a representational view represents, for each ~~ealeulators~~ calculating unit, ~~[[the]]~~ modes in which the ~~ealeulators~~ calculating units must function.

Claim 60 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 45, wherein, for at least one screen, ~~a-synthetic~~ a representational view represents at least one network and the components connected to it.

Claim 61 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 45, wherein, for at least one screen, at a first level of hierarchy, the hierarchical description represents the ~~ealeulators~~ calculating units of the system and, at a second level of hierarchy, for each ~~ealeulators~~ calculating unit, ~~[[the]]~~ data frames are transported on buses to which the ~~ealeulators~~ calculating units and/or the electronic components directly connected to the ~~ealeulators~~ calculating units are connected.

Claim 62 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 45, wherein, for at least one screen, the hierarchical description represents ~~[[the]]~~ frames at a first level of hierarchy and, at a second level of hierarchy, for each frame of the frames, the data contained in the frames.

Claim 63 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 45, wherein, for at least one screen, ~~a synthetic~~ a representational view represents components and/or networks and a projection of a service onto the components and/or networks.

Claim 64 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 45, wherein, for at least one screen, a hierarchical level describes, for each elementary operation, input and output interface data flows, and, for each data flow, a driver and the component and/or the elementary operation with which the data flow is exchanged.

Claim 65 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 45, wherein, for at least one screen, the hierarchical description represents, at a first level of hierarchy, a plurality of services and, at a second level of hierarchy, a plurality of service variants, for each service.

Claim 66 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 45, wherein, for at least one screen, the hierarchical description represents, at a first level of hierarchy, a plurality of electronic components and, at a second level of hierarchy, a plurality of ~~variants of~~ similar electronic components, for each electronic component.

Claim 67 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 45, wherein, for at least one ~~synthetic~~ representational view, a selection of an element of the ~~synthetic~~ representational view by a pointing device gives access to a representation of the functioning of the element.

Claim 68 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 44, wherein, for a use case, given partial or complete mapping of the services, the set of elementary operations in the architecture and the set of data exchanged corresponding to execution of the use case are automatically identified.

Claim 69 (Currently Amended): A device according to claim 44, wherein, for a use case, if a performance constraint is imposed on the use case, the set of elementary operations in the architecture, a set of exchanged data frames-~~exchanged~~, and a set of sensors necessary and/or a set of actuators activated are automatically identified, in such a manner as to assign respectively thereto specific constraints of delay of execution, of delay of transmission, of delay of activation, and/or to validate the constraints already imposed.

Claim 70 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 44, further comprising, for objects, hardware components and/or services offered to the client, a graphic representation comprising:

- a contour representing the object,
- representations of other objects with which the object communicates, and
- representations of data exchanged with the other objects.

Claim 71 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 70, wherein, when the envelope represents a hardware component, data representations are effected for a service.

Claim 72 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 44, further comprising, for each bus, a representation of components that are connected directly thereto and, for components directly connected to at least two buses, for each of these at least two

buses, associated with the component, an identifier of each other bus to which the component is directly connected.

Claim 73 (Previously Presented): A device according to claim 72, wherein the identifier is a graphical element.

Claim 74 (Currently Amended): A ~~manufactured article comprising:~~
~~a computer storage means having a computer program for designing a specification of~~
~~a hardware and software system, wherein the program comprises a code for execution of the~~
~~method defined in claim 38.~~ computer readable storage medium encoded with instructions
which when executed by a processor cause a computer to implement a method comprising:
defining services which are functions that can be performed, and for each service, at
least one use case which is a context or situation that the system is in;
associating each use case with a user request, and an initial state and a final state of
the system;
defining operations, in the course of which, for each state, a set of elementary
operations are defined which correspond to a response for the system when said system is in
said each state;
specifying the system architecture by defining characteristics of electronic control
units and networks;
mapping the elementary operations onto calculating units;
and executing at least one of:
identifying the flow of data on the networks as a function of the mapping; and
identifying specifications associated with interfaces of the calculating units as
a function of the mapping.

Claim 75 (New): A method according to claim 38, wherein the hardware and software system is related to a vehicle.

Claim 76 (New): A method according to claim 38, wherein the specifying the system architecture includes selecting and routing electrical wires.